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Vienna's 'green' Walk on the Hill is here to stay

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

This year's 43rd stroll through gardens throughout the Windover Heights Historic District on Sunday, April 30, will include, for the second time and by popular demand, the Green Expo. The yards and gardens of approximately 50 homes in the Town's northwest historic district will be open to visitors as part of the annual Walk on the Hill from 2-5 p.m.

"As long as we have weather as perfect as last year, the event pretty much happens on its own," says Councilmember Carey Sienicki, a Windover Heights resident who is again organizing the event with Historic Vienna, Inc. "Residents get to enjoy – and share – the beautiful scenes of their gardens as a backdrop to the homes and neighborhood, which pairs so well with the Green Expo."

Last year, the Community Enhancement Commission's Green Expo found itself homeless due to the Community Center renovation and expansion project, but pairing the event with Walk on the Hill turned out to have a bright silver lining.

"The Walk makes a perfect atmosphere for the Expo, it's almost seamless," says Community Enhancement Commission Chair Susan Stillman. "Now the Expo has a living

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Vote, vote, vote May 2

Town of Vienna residents will cast votes for three Vienna Town Council seats at the May 2 Town elections. Voting will take place from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE.

Three seats are available and three candidates, all incumbents, are on the ballot. Carey Sienicki, Howard Springsteen, and Tara Voigt are running for re-election. Information provided by candidates is available on page 6 of this newsletter.

Residents who are registered to vote will cast three ballots, one for each of the available seats. Only registered voters (as of April 10) who live within the Town of Vienna limits may cast ballots in this election. To vote in the state of Virginia, acceptable photo identification is required. Valid identification includes a Virginia driver's license or DMV-issued photo ID, U.S. passport, employer- or school-issued photo ID, among others; visit elections.virginia.gov for more information about photo identification and other election-related information.

The deadline to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you is April 25. For more information, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/elections.



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Spring brings road improvement projects

Ah, spring...blooms, warmer temperatures, and roadwork! The Town of Vienna will undertake repairs and repaving along Mill Street beginning late April or early May. (As this newsletter was going to print, the Town anticipated firming up the start date by the first of April.) The Town has been awaiting consistently warmer temperatures before undertaking the road construction, as recommended by manufacturers of some of the materials to be used.

The road construction project will extend from Ayr Hill Avenue to 430 Mill Street. The Town is contracting with Ardent Company of McLean to undertake the four- to five-week project, which will be completed in five phases:

- Phases 1 and 3, combined, extend along the north side of Mill Street within the project area.
- Phase 2 extends along the entire south side of the roadway.
- Phase 4 repairs the Ayr Hill intersection.
- Phase 5 resurfaces the entire project area.

In order to minimize duration of the project and its overall impact on the corridor, much of the work will continue overnight. Access to businesses and parking areas will be available at all times, but traffic will be restricted to one lane with traffic control provided 24 hours/day. Those not traveling to Mill Street businesses are encouraged to find other routes. No utility disruptions are anticipated.

“This is going to be a big project,” says Project Engineer Luis Blandon, “and we know it will be somewhat disruptive to the Mill Street businesses and their customers. We really appreciate their patience and cooperation. This repair project is badly needed, and the Town is committed to completing it as effectively and efficiently as possible.”

Project start dates and other information will be available on the viennava.gov homepage. 📍

Like a good neighbor

Like good neighbors, more than 30 individuals and groups went above and beyond in providing service to others – and their peers have taken notice and enlisted the Town’s help in saying “thank you.” Offering a ride, moving furniture, organizing food drives, mentoring, providing leadership and time – these are just a few examples of what these good neighbors have contributed to Vienna. These and other outstanding volunteer nominees assisted friends, clubs, schools, businesses, and even total strangers and will receive their due recognition at the Mayor’s Volunteer Reception at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

This event is open to the public. For more information, call the Town Clerk’s Office at 703-255-6304. 📍



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backdrop for its exhibits and initiatives, and we're getting information to people who wouldn't necessarily have come to the Community Center for the Expo."

The Expo will be set up almost literally in the middle of the Walk, at the intersection of Orchard Street and Windover Avenue.

Some Walk on the Hill activities have a rain date (Sunday, May 7). For "day of" Walk on the Hill weather-related information, if necessary, visit viennava.gov or call Vienna parks and recreation at 703-255-6360 or Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187.

All activities are free and open to the public; more details about activities are provided in the box to the left. Parking is available at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Avenue. Many roads in the historic district will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 2 p.m. A map of the Walk and its activities can be found at viennava.gov/walkingmap. ↻



photos by Adam Kincaid



Walk on the Hill Featuring Green Expo 2-5 pm • Sunday, April 30

Walk on the Hill

- self-guided walking/garden tours (maps available in advance at viennava.gov/walkingmap)
- *plein air* artists from the Vienna Arts Society (also, visit the Arts Center at 115 Pleasant Street NW)
- live music
 - Green Hedges School Jazz Ensemble at 2 p.m. (288 Windover Avenue)
 - Vienna Community Band at 3 p.m. (288 Windover Avenue)
 - Hickory Grove performances at the Marcey Log Cabin, 223 Walnut Lane
- architectural & historic tour, featuring history of First Baptist Church's 150th anniversary
- hospitality at 277 Windover Avenue

Green Expo

(Windover Avenue & Orchard Street)

- alternative fuel vehicles
- see a "solarized" home and learn more about Solarize Vienna 2017
- home energy check-up demo
- student sustainability projects
- National Wildlife Federation community program and Ranger Rick
- children's passport program



Hop to it! Old-Fashioned Egg Roll is April 8

Historic Vienna, Inc. invites children 12 and younger to the Town's annual Old-Fashioned Egg Roll at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, on the lawn of the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Children can decorate hard-boiled eggs, get their photo taken with the Easter bunny, "hunt" for eggs, bounce on inflatables, and race one another in the egg roll.

The event, which lasts approximately an hour, is free and open to the public. This is a rain or shine event. ↻



There's never been a better time to go solar

by Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission



photo by Adam Kincaid

With solar pricing having dropped precipitously over recent years, there has never been a better time to harness the sun to generate your power locally and save money. And the 2017 Solarize program offers additional financial incentive by providing vetted contractors and pre-negotiated terms and prices for photovoltaic panels.

Offered April 18-June 30, the 2017 Solarize program, a partnership between the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Local Energy Alliance Program, and the Town of Vienna and other localities, can provide great prices for solar through the power of group purchasing. On top of reduced prices due to increased adoption of solar energy and improved technology, the negotiated Solarize pricing makes this spring the time for residents – and businesses, too – to take the solar plunge.

As an additional financial incentive, don't forget that there is a 30% solar investment tax credit currently available from the federal government. This tax credit will sunset in a couple of years. Also, Virginia residents can "net meter" excess energy generated by their solar systems, receiving a credit at the full retail rate; homeowners and businesses can then use that credit during times when the sun isn't shining.

To get a peek at how your home or business would fare with solar installation, check out the award-winning tool novasolarmap.com. When you type in your address, this tool analyzes your roof, its orientation, and shading and calculates how much solar power could be generated. Generating your own energy is a hedge against future increases in the cost of electricity provided by utility companies.

Those thinking about going solar can speak with a Windover Heights family who has taken the plunge at the Green Expo, which will be held 2-5 p.m. April 30 in conjunction with Walk on the Hill. Councilmember Carey Sienicki and her husband, David, purchased a 9-kilowatt system 18 months ago for their all-electric home. For the Sienickis, it was essential that the system pay for itself in 10 years or less. At Green Expo, they'll share their experience and data and answer your questions.

The Community Enhancement Commission will host a Solarize informational meeting next month at which interested homeowners and business owners can discuss solar installation with this year's selected Solarize vendors. More details will be available in next month's *Vienna Voice* and on the Town's Facebook page. In the meantime, if you're ready to sign up for a free solar assessment or just want more details, visit solarizenova.org. 

We know that questions and concerns don't come up only when Town Hall is open, 8 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday, so the Town has created an "after hours" phone menu to help you leave a message for the appropriate department.

Call 703-255-6300 anytime to reach the Town's main line and speak with our friendly receptionist during regular work hours or leave a message after hours.



A ceremonial salute to five of Vienna's finest

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Five of Vienna's finest were among fire, rescue, and police representatives from throughout Northern Virginia who were recognized at the 39th Annual Valor Awards presented March 17. Vienna police officers Gregory Hylinski, Matthew Lyons, Mike Reeves, Patrick Shaw, and Andrew Slebonick, each received Valor awards, presented by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, for their heroic actions in the field.

Officers Shaw and Slebonick received the Bronze Medal of Valor, awarded for unusual personal risk beyond the call of duty or displaying unusual judgment, zeal, or ingenuity beyond what is normally expected.

In the wee hours of January 31, 2016, Shaw and Slebonick diffused a situation in which a disturbed woman had taken a large amount of prescription medication and was threatening suicide while holding a knife and lighter. The subject had self-inflicted lacerations on her arm and grew more agitated when the officers approached to calm her down. After the subject was briefly distracted, the officers were able to disarm and secure her and immediately transported her for medical and mental health treatment.

Reeves, Hylinski, and Lyons received the Lifesaving Award for an incident that occurred on July 20. All three officers responded to a dispatched call from a woman concerned that her daughter planned to commit suicide.

Upon the officers' arrival at an apartment, the daughter barricaded herself behind a door, which she blocked with a bookcase and other debris. After forcing entry through the door, officers found multiple pill vials and alcohol containers in disarray around the room. Upon hearing running water from the bathroom, the officers breached through that door and found the subject completely submerged, face down and unresponsive in the tub.

The officers pulled the woman out of the tub only to find a gunlock cable tied around her neck and large amounts of ingested water in her airway. Officers took turns administering and facilitating CPR

until rescue personnel arrived. The officers were able to cut the gunlock cable off with bolt cutters while rescue personnel administered medical assistance.

The woman was transported to the hospital, where it was determined that she had ingested large amounts of multiple prescription drugs and alcohol. She eventually made a full recovery.

"These two events involving our officers clearly demonstrate tremendous bravery and clear decisiveness on their part," says Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey. "We are proud of these five officers and how they performed and their level of teamwork during these life-threatening events. It's a pleasure to see them being recognized with distinguished Valor Awards." 🇺🇸



Mike Reeves



Pat Shaw



Greg Hylinski



Matt Lyons



Andrew Slebonick

photos by Adam Kincaid

Meet the candidates

Editor's note: Information below was provided by the candidates. Town of Vienna residents will cast ballots for the three open Town Council positions from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Carey Sienicki

It is an honor to have served since 2011 on Town Council. My priority is to maintain the delicate balance between preserving our small town community, while fostering purposeful growth, so that the future needs of our citizens and businesses are met. Our first roundabout, traffic signal optimization, and community center renovations are highlights. Providing oversight of our comprehensive zoning updates, inspired by well-constructed visions made decades ago, makes the path to informed decisions for our more attractive and accessible tomorrow. We can be thankful for the treasured devotion of citizens, businesses, staff, Council, and board and commission members to make them all realities.



I also work to better connect the Town's businesses and citizens. I am appreciative to be an ambassador of the Vienna Business Association and a volunteer on committees, such as Oktoberfest. I enjoy collaborating with the talented network of volunteers who leave their immeasurable impacts on Vienna. Working together, moving and shaking toward our inaugural public art piece and bringing together the tradition of Walk on the Hill with Green Expo has been exciting.

As I review this year's budget, I am committed to providing improvements for safer, environmentally friendly, and convenient connections for citizens in an efficient and effective manner, while maintaining our strong AAA bond rating.

Want to know more about me and how I work for you and the Town? Visit my website: <https://goo.gl/53iq0j>. I again ask for your confidence and vote for working together so that Vienna continues to become a better place to live.

Howard Springsteen

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Vienna for four terms on Vienna Town Council. I am a 20-year resident and homeowner on Upham Place NW with a demonstrated history of involvement in a number of community organizations that reflect and serve the Vienna community.



I am committed to working to ensure that Vienna remains fiscally responsible while supporting necessary infrastructure improvements and providing high-quality services to our residents. I strongly support Vienna's long-standing policy of managed growth and low-density zoning in residential neighborhoods. I have a demonstrated record of successfully advocating on issues of key importance to Town residents, such as traffic calming, pedestrian and bike safety measures, and traffic flow improvements (including Vienna's first mini-traffic circle). I believe that when development or redevelopment occurs, it needs to be balanced and realistic for Vienna.

I am running for re-election because I believe that I provide a common sense voice for Vienna in making Town government decisions. I ask for your support and vote on May 2 so that I can continue to serve and work for our community. If re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure Vienna is a special community in which to live and in which our local businesses can be successful. I will continue my focus on making Vienna a great place to live and work, ensure new development reflects the Vienna community, continue to prioritize important infrastructure improvements, and quickly address neighborhood concerns and issues.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and our Vienna community.

Tara Voigt

It has been my honor to represent you on Town Council for the last two years, and I appreciate the opportunity to run again for a second two-year term. I have worked hard to maintain Vienna's small town feel while we have seen growth both in Town and from Tysons.



In the past two years we've started the Community Center expansion and renovation project. This is well underway, and we will once again be able to enjoy all the services it has to offer later this year. We've also seen the Town continue to improve its infrastructure by updating entire roadways and building additional sidewalks.

With rapid growth and development in and adjacent to the Town of Vienna, especially in Tysons, innovation will maintain the balance between Vienna's endearing qualities and purposeful growth. I support redevelopment of the Maple Avenue Corridor and look forward to seeing it implemented. Vienna has had a successful 125 years, and this plan ensures our future will be progressive and innovative.

A top challenge is keeping traffic flowing through and around Town at all times. Residents and nonresidents face the challenge of stop-and-go traffic down Maple Avenue and Church Street. We have started to implement traffic management strategies, including traffic light timing, alternative transportation, and roadway improvements, that can help make the trip less frustrating. We will continue to work to improve traffic while encouraging people to stop to see all the wonderful things Vienna has to offer.

Thank you for your support and please come out to vote May 2. 🗳️

Vienna, meet your brand

While the Town of Vienna has utilized a variety of symbols and graphic elements over the course of its long history, the Town has never had an official logo. The Town's marketing and communications office is working to change that. A two-pronged process for developing a visual symbol, or the Town's official logo, is currently getting underway. Ultimately, the logo will identify Town programs, events, publications, and initiatives as well as enhance and reinforce residents' strong sense of connection to their community.

"Strong brands – think the 'Just Do It' swoosh or the apple with a bite out of it – help organizations stand out in the crowded marketplace," says Communications and Marketing Manager Lynne DeWilde. "A community's brand, which runs much deeper than the graphic symbol it adopts, is an important element in creating a strong sense of place and an enduring connection to that community."

The first step in the Town's image-building process is to work with a consultant agency to conduct research with Vienna stakeholders in order to unveil the Town's brand – or its attributes, personality, and values. As this newsletter goes to press, the Town is working to select a firm from among 16 who responded to Vienna's request for proposals.

That firm will reach out to stakeholders – residents, elected officials, staff, businesspeople – through focus groups, interviews, and surveys throughout the spring. Be on the lookout for information about how you can participate in this process through the Town's website and social media pages as well as this newsletter.

"Town Council has expressed a strong interest in engaging a wide variety of stakeholders in this process," says DeWilde. "We plan to work with a company that can creatively and effectively engage our stakeholders."

A brand positioning statement, defining Vienna's essence, mission, and values, is expected to be presented early this summer. From there, the Town anticipates hosting a logo design competition to create the graphic symbol of Vienna's brand. 📌

Public art hitting its stride

With three current projects underway, a successful fundraising event completed, and plans to investigate the feasibility of establishing a 501c3, public art efforts in Vienna appear to be hitting their stride.

More than 150 people attended the Movers & Shakers fundraising event at Jammin' Java February 11. Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC) Chair Midge Biles says the event was "a huge success," raising just over \$18,000. That's part of the nearly \$42,000 that's been raised in total, by various groups, toward the \$47,000 needed to purchase Vienna's first official public art piece, Taking Flight, a bronze statue to be installed at the Vienna Community Center in memory of late Mayor Jane Seeman and in honor of Vienna volunteers. To make a donation in support of public art, visit viennava.gov/donations.

In addition to the statue, created by Texas artists Seth and Missy Vandable, VPAC is working with art teachers at Vienna schools to engage students this spring in creating temporary paintings on sections of plywood that will be installed on the construction fences at the community center, facing the ball fields and Cherry Street.

VPAC also is working with Melanie and Nathan Rothstein who are interested in donating a customized LOVE sign for public display.

"We've been a little slow in taking off," Biles says of the VPAC, "because we've been working to lay a strong foundation that we hope will be around for decades. But now I feel like we're hitting our stride and gaining momentum. We're excited to work with the community to express itself through public art – not just through one piece, but over a body of public art." 📌

Fishing Rodeo – last chance to hook tickets

If you were planning on playing hooky and going to the Fishing Rodeo (and you don't already have your tickets), be aware that you can no longer be the early worm. Only two slots remain available for the April 22 event: 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Remaining tickets are on sale at viennava.gov/webtrac. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. 📌



photo by Adam Kincaid

Walk over to Town Hall to learn about Town's Pedestrian Master Plan

At the request of Town Council, the Town's Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC), a subcommittee of the Transportation Safety Commission, has been working to update Vienna's current Pedestrian Master Plan. This is a comprehensive effort that includes a pedestrian vision, goals, and action recommendations for the Town to consider as it builds its pedestrian network.

The updated plan includes five goals:

- provide high-quality, safe, and convenient pedestrian access and facilities
- complete a walkway network with sidewalks on both sides of all Vienna streets
- create opportunities for increased walking, bicycling, and public transit
- promote walkable neighborhoods and a vibrant pedestrian-driven local economy
- work toward a *Walk Friendly* community designation.

Now the PAC wants to hear from you. The PAC will discuss the Pedestrian Master Plan at its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Town Hall. At that meeting, residents are encouraged to share input on what elements they want to see in the updated plan.

Town Council has invited the PAC to present a draft updated plan at its May 15 work session, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Residents will have another opportunity to provide feedback when the final draft of the plan is released for public comment, probably over the summer.

Between now and then, the PAC encourages you to get out and walk! 📍

Town's budget presentation deemed 'distinguished' – again

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Town of Vienna its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, meaning that the Town has satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. This recognition is for the Town's fiscal year 2016-17 budget.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Vienna was one of 1,565 entities to receive the award from GFOA this year. This recognition indicates that the Town of Vienna's budget proficiently serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device and meets 14 additional mandatory criteria within these categories.

"Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America," GFOA notes in its press release. 📍

A new tree to take root in 'Tree City'

Vienna will rejuvenate its historical roots to oak trees (the Town's oldest is approximately 350 years old) by planting a new circle of life:

In celebration of Arbor Day, Mayor Laurie DiRocco will be joined by Cub Scout Pack 1116 to plant an oak tree at Meadow Lane Park at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27. The tree planting is open to the public. 📍



Message behind the marker

by Christine Horner, Water Quality Engineer



Storm drains throughout the Town of Vienna display an **ONLY RAIN** marker to help remind citizens that all inlets directly connect to our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

These markers are part of the Town's larger efforts to protect our environment through the Environmental Protection Agency's Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. An illicit discharge is disposal or spillage of a substance other than stormwater, including oil, fertilizers, lawn clippings, paints, or gasoline, into the municipal storm sewer system, which incorporates streets, ditches, inlets, and streams.

The IDDE program focuses on identifying, reporting, and remediating illicit discharges. Citizens are a vital component to the success of the Town's IDDE program. Here are a couple of recommendations that may further these efforts:

- Report any potential illicit discharges, including leaking dumpsters, to the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380 or DPW@viennava.gov.
- Volunteer to help mark storm drains. The Town provides the tools and supplies—you provide the time and manpower.
- Take advantage of the Fairfax County Household Waste Program to dispose of hazardous waste such as gasoline, cooking oil, paint, and insecticides. More information is available at fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm.

For more information regarding stormwater pollution prevention or the IDDE program, contact Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner in the Department of Public Works at 703-319-8630 or christine.horner@viennava.gov. 📍

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update



The following has been achieved according to the most recent construction progress reports:

- Continued installing curb and gutter in new parking lot.
- Continued installing sprinkler piping.
- Installed brick façade to auxiliary gym.
- Completed 90% of window frame and glass installation.
- Continued working on rough-in of electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- Painted the main and auxiliary gyms.
- Framed the main lobby and installed blocking along parapet of corridor 162.

- Completed new roof on main gym.
- Installed ductwork in main gym.
- Installed the dumpster enclosure.
- Sprayed fireproofing in corridor 166.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- Installing sidewalk.
- Site grading in north parking areas.
- Pouring site concrete.
- Continuing interior masonry work, rough-in of ductwork, and insulation of new plumbing lines.
- Installing control cable rough-in, conduit

in miscellaneous walls, and sprinklers in lobby and corridors 162 & 166.

- Additional reroofing.
- Begin measuring for exterior wall panel fabrication.
- Installing gypsum board on walls.
- Commencing interior finishes.

A community center renovation update is presented each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town Council work session. The public is encouraged to attend these updates in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The next update will be presented April 3.

Parks and Rec sampler

The Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has you covered with an array of interesting programs in April no matter what stage of life you're in:

- For children ages 8-10 with a funny bone, the Town is offering a Junior Improv Bootcamp this spring to share with young performers the finer points of improvisation.
- Parents-to-be can learn tips for getting financially ready for baby at a free one-hour seminar on April 27.

- For those who are already parents and have a penchant for writing, consider the *A Transformational Journey* seminar that examines through writing how your identity shifts and reshapes itself in parenting. This course begins April 18.
- For men who just wanna have fun, the Town offers Vienna Men's Softball League. Put your team together and play ball! The season stretches from April 17-August 10.
- If walking is more your speed, there are groups walking Monday and Friday mornings beginning in mid-April.

- Seniors are often the target of financial scams. Vienna Police Department's Lt. Art Sylmar will discuss common scams and how to protect yourself against financial exploitation in this free presentation on April 17.

Find more information about these programs and many more in the Spring Parks & Recreation brochure. It's available online at viennava.gov/springprograms.

Yard waste disposal: Consider greener alternatives

Fairfax County has changed its mind, and the Town of Vienna will follow suit. The bottom line? Plastic bags will remain an acceptable way to dispose of yard waste.

The county had planned to put a moratorium on plastic bags for yard waste beginning July 1. But, as sometimes hap-

pens, those plans have changed, and the county has determined to continue to accept yard waste in plastic bags. And, thus, so will the Town of Vienna.

Each year, Fairfax County and private haulers manage more than 200,000 tons of yard waste – grass clippings, leaves, and brush – and regularly evaluate alterna-

tive methods to plastic bags to encourage recycling. Although plastic bags are still permitted, the Town encourages residents to consider renewable methods of disposal, such as paper lawn bags or reusable containers. ♻️

Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions, but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at viennava.gov.

February 27

- Held a public hearing for an amendment to the FY17 general fund and water and sewer fund budgets.
- Approved final plat for a two-lot subdivision on property located at 320 Nutley Street SW in the RS-16, single-family detached residential zone.
- Approved purchase of a 24-inch planer by the Public Works Department for \$19,028.
- Awarded IFB 17-12 for Wolftrap Creek stream restoration project to Environmental Quality Resources of Millersville, Maryland, for \$740,000. Funds for this project will come from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund and Fairfax County stormwater tax funds.
- Approved novation and change-of-name agreements assigning the contract between Town of Vienna and Lukmire Partnership to RRMM Architects.

- Deferred approval of artist contract for Taking Flight public art statue to the March 13 Council meeting.

March 13

- Adopted the updated, multijurisdictional Northern Virginia Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
- Approved expenditure of seized assets by the police department not to exceed \$95,685 for purchase of an upgrade to New World computer-aided dispatch, law enforcement records management, and mobile data system software.
- Approved the artist contract for purchase of the "Taking Flight" public art statue for an amount not to exceed \$35,100 (excluding a \$3,900 deposit already approved). Also, approved installation of the statue on Vienna Community Center grounds and authorized submittal of proposed placement to the Board of Architectural Review for a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- Approved additional funding not to exceed \$8,500 for UK Elite Soccer and \$6,000 for MVP sports for classes and camps through June 30.
- Approved a contract with 101 Mobility to replace the vertical lift at the Bowman House for a cost not to exceed \$20,589.
- Adopted a 2016-17 budget amendment for \$518,000 from the general fund and \$182,000 from the water and sewer fund and authorized Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.

- Set a public hearing to consider draft Planning Commission-recommended changes to the parking section of the Zoning Ordinance for April 3.
- Set public hearings related to the FY2017-18 budget:
 - For FY18 operating budget: April 17
 - For FY18 proposed water and sewer rates: April 17
 - For FY18 real estate tax rate: April 24

Appointed to serve

At its February 27 meeting, Town Council appointed Laurie Cole to serve on the Planning Commission.

Public hearing on parking changes April 3

A public hearing on proposed changes to the Town's parking ordinance will be held before Town Council at its April 3 meeting at 8 p.m. Many of the proposed changes will impact commercial parking. Business owners and residents are invited to attend the public hearing and provide feedback. For more details about the proposed changes, contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Vienna businesses with staying power

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries this month.

25 YEARS

Montague & Son – The Birkenstock Store

20 YEARS

Northern Virginia Title & Escrow

15 YEARS

Foster's Grille of Vienna

10 YEARS

Church Street Pizza

Elixir by Shohreh

Ilkay Alkan

KCI General Contractors

Old Dominion Appraisals

Touch of Beauty

5 YEARS

AA Driving Academy

Arthur Christine Salon & Academy

Bazin's Next Door

Massage Envy

Pure Chiropractic

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

Turmeric Indian Dining

Vienna Acupuncture

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in February to these businesses:

Doug Richards Real Estate

real estate
303 Patrick Street SW
703-609-2188

KYB Properties

investment sales
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martial arts
332 Maple Avenue W
703-938-3220



Come hungry & thirsty to Taste of Vienna

Sample flavors from a variety of Vienna's restaurants all in one place when the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department presents Taste of Vienna from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the fire station at 400 Center Street S. More than a dozen of Vienna's yummiest restaurants are participating in this gastronomical event.

Free admission and live entertainment. Proceeds from the sale of food and beverages will benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For a list of restaurants and more information, visit tasteofvienna.org.



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HAPPENINGS around town

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a fundraiser from 11 am-9 pm April 4 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the designated box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays, and FLY, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently at 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 4, in the program building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds teen lounges the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. For more information about both groups, email wf.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

Irene Sacilotto will share photographs of Brazil's Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetland area, at the April 5 meeting of the **Vienna Photographic Society** at 7:30 pm in room B114 Eagle Hall at Thoreau Middle School. Enjoy a visual journey into an extraordinary eco-system and learn about its wildlife as well as its photographic opportunities and challenges. The meeting is free and open to all. For more information, visit vpsva.org.

The **Vienna Arts Society** presents its **annual spring show**, entitled *Going Green*, from April 4-30 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Art League Instructor Lisa Semerad will judge the show. An awards reception will be held from 4-6 pm Saturday, April 8; the public is invited to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** will offer **AARP's Smart Drivers program** – a refresher course geared for drivers 50 and older – from 9 am-1 pm Monday, April 10, and Wednesday, April 12. Participants must attend both classes to be awarded a certificate of completion.

Classes will be held at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2952 Chain Bridge Road. Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members. To register or for more information, contact the Shepherd Center at 703-281-0538.

Members of the class of 2017 living in the 22180-22182 zip codes, the deadline to apply for a **\$2,000 scholarship** from the **Vienna Woman's Club** is April 12. Applicants must have a 2.5 grade point average and a burning desire to further their education. Applications are available in local high school career centers, from Jo-Lynn Westlund at 703-698-1237, or via viennawomansclub.org.

The American Legion will host a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, April 16, at Post 180, 330 Center Street N. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more will be served. \$9 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The Fairfax County Chapter of the National Society **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** will enjoy a lunch at Gadsby's Tavern followed by a tour of the Lyceum in Alexandria on April 7. The tour, led by Lyceum Director Jim Mackay, will be on "Lost Alexandria, Buildings That Are No More." If interested in attending the meeting or joining DAR, contact Amy Cartwright at a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com or 703-507-0023.

Karen Rindel will present a slide program to share her love and knowledge of succulents at the April 18 meeting of the **Five Hills Garden Club**. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, begins at 10 am at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE.

The **Vienna Photographic Society** will host a **critique of member-submitted photographs** at 7:30 pm Wednesday, April 19, in room B114 Eagle Hall at Thoreau Middle School. Photo themes are gardens and autumn scenes using apps, filters, or other editing software. Photographer and teacher John Hoover will comment on image compositions. This meeting is free and open to all. More details at vpsva.org.

Low-priced used books on numerous fiction and nonfiction topics as well as DVDs, books on CDs, and vintage prints are for sale at reasonable prices from noon-4 pm Wednesday through Sunday in the **Used Book Cellar** at the **Freeman Store and Museum**. Purchases support Historic Vienna, Inc. events, the Freeman Store, and museum exhibits. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

A few spots are still available for the 2017-18 school year at **Epiphany Preschool**, an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email epiphanypreschool@vacomail.com.

Madison High School Warhawks Athletics invites community youth players to come cheer for the hometown Warhawks at regular home games. VYI, VLL, VYS, and VGSL players who wear a jersey to designated games get in free when accompanied by a paying adult:

- Madison Softball – 6:30 pm April 21, vs. Fairfax
- Madison Girls Lacrosse – 7:30 pm April 28, vs. Hayfield
- Madison Girls Soccer – 7:15 pm May, vs. Hayfield

The concession stand will be open for dinner. Check warhawkssports.org for schedule changes and weather cancellations.

Come enjoy two **new exhibits** at the **Freeman Store and Museum**. Upstairs *Vienna – History Across Time* looks at more than 275 years of area history through photographs, paintings, and artifacts with emphasis on transportation and work life. The hallway exhibit, *The Women's Rights Movement in 1917*, highlights the separate paths (legislative lobbying vs. confrontational picketing) that the woman's suffrage movement took in 1917. Learn about the dreadful treatment of picketers at the Occoquan Prison and have your photo taken with a life-sized cutout of activist Alice Paul.

The **Ayr Hill Garden Club** will hold its **annual plant sale** from 8 am-noon Saturday, May 6, on the lawn next to the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE. This year's sale, which features plants that come largely from club members' gardens, will emphasize benefits of native plants to the local ecology. Garden flea market items also will be available. For more information, contact emilielarson@rcn.com.

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Vienna Theatre Company
presents

In Living Sound
a theatrical time machine

March 31 & April 1, 7 & 8
All shows @ 8 pm

Tickets available at viennava.gov/webtrac

Friday tickets - \$14

Saturday tickets - \$25, includes dinner at 7:15 pm

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Fire & Rescue
Emergency**
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(Voice & TDD)

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703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
703-255-6360 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
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TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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APRIL TOWN CALENDAR

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- 1** Town Cleanup Day • 9 am-noon

 - 1** Vienna Theatre Company: 'In Living Sound' (VVFD) • 8 pm

 - 3** Town Council Meeting/Budget Work Session (if nec.) • 8 pm

 - 4** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

 - 7** Flashlight Egg Hunt (Glyndon Park) • 8 pm

 - 7** Vienna Theatre Company: 'In Living Sound' (VVFD) • 8 pm

 - 8** Old-Fashioned Egg Roll (Freeman Store & Museum) • 10 am

 - 8** Vienna Theatre Company: 'In Living Sound' (VVFD) • 8 pm

 - 12** Historic Vienna Inc. (Freeman Store & Museum) • 7:30 pm

 - 12** Planning Commission • 8 pm

 - 13** Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

 - 17** Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm

 - 18** Mayor's Volunteer Reception (VVFD) • 7:30 pm

 - 18** Public Art Commission • 7 pm

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- 19** Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm

 - 20** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

 - 22** Family Fishing Rodeo (Wolftrap Creek) • 9 am-noon

 - 24** Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing • 8 pm

 - 25** Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm

 - 25** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm

 - 26** Planning Commission • 8 pm

 - 27** Arbor Day Ceremony (Meadow Lane Park) • 4:30 pm

 - 27** Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

 - 29** Taste of Vienna (VVFD) • 11 am-8 pm

 - 30** Walk on the Hill & Green Expo • 2-5 pm
(Windover Heights Historic District)

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check viennava.gov for updates.